

## Doctor John W. Aird

In the list of professions that of the physician must for all time stand at the very head, and should go hand in hand with that yet nobler calling of the ministry, giving consolation and aid to the dying as well as the sick, and bringing healing to both soul and body. Coming into close contact with the inner life of those to whom he ministers, the physician may find rare opportunities to aid and comfort poor humanity, and of all men it should be said of him that "he went about doing good." Such a man is he whose name heads this sketch; a native of this State, he has taken up the profession of medicine and surgery, and since his graduation has devoted his entire time to his practice, spending much time in study, that he might keep thoroughly in touch with all the latest discoveries and methods in this humane work.

John W. Aird is a native son of Utah, born in Heber, September 26, 1863, and the son of William and Elizabeth (McLean) Aird. The father was born in Scotland, and came to Utah in 1853, as a member of the Mormon Church, living in Salt Lake City until 1858, and from there going to Spanish Fork, where he was one of the first to locate. He remained in Spanish Fork until 1861, at which time he went to Heber and took up a farm, and also engaged in making cloth for the early settlers, doing his weaving by hand. During the latter part of his life he withdrew from the Mormon Church and joined the Josephites, with whom he continued until his death in 1889. There were six children in this family, four of whom are now living—Mrs. L. Anderson, H.M., Principal of the Heber schools and County Superintendent of Wasatch County; John W., our subject, and Mrs. Charles Giles, living at Heber.

Our subject grew up on his father's farm at Heber, and was educated in the schools of that place and at the University of Deseret in Salt Lake City. After completing his studies he taught school for five years in Heber and at West Jordan, and in 1890 entered the medical department of the University of California, at San Francisco, from which institution he graduated three years later, with the degree of M.D., and at once returned to Utah, entering upon a general practice at Pleasant Grove, in Utah County. However, he remained there but a few months, and then went to Heber and practiced there for eight years, being employed by the county and holding the position of surgeon for the Rio Grande Western Railroad at Heber. While in Heber the Doctor built up a very lucrative and successful practice, but, believing that a better field was afforded in Provo, he came to this city in November, 1901, and at once became popular with the citizens, among whom he has a rapidly increasing practice, still holding his position as surgeon for the Rio Grande Western Railroad at Heber, and also at Provo. He devotes his entire time to study and looking after his practice, and is winning an enviable reputation as both physician and surgeon. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and was appointed in 1890 the member from Utah on the committee whose duty is to reorganize the profession all over the United States and bring it into harmonious relations throughout the country. He is also a charter member of the Utah State Medical Association, of which he was President during 1890-91; a charter member of the Rocky Mountain Inter-State Medical Society, and a member of the Utah County Medical Society. He is medical examiner for the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, the New York Mutual Life and other insurance companies,



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yet modern culture of the mind, giving consideration to the  
body as well as the soul, and bringing healing to both soul and body.  
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profession, spending much time in study, that he might keep abreast  
in touch with all the latest discoveries and methods in this science  
work.

John W. Ains is a native son of Utah, born in Weber, September  
26, 1883, and the son of W. H. Ains and Elizabeth (Hickman) Ains. The  
father was born in England, and came to Utah in 1855, as a member  
of the Mormon Church, living in Salt Lake City until 1888, and from  
there going to Spanish Fork, where he has one of his first residences.  
He remained in Spanish Fork until 1891, at which time he went to Helper  
and took up a farm, and also engaged in mining claim for the early  
settlers, doing the weaving by hand. During the latter part of his  
life he withdrew from the Mormon Church and joined the Latter-day Saints,  
when he returned with his family in 1897. There were six children  
in this family, four of whom are now living--Mr. J. Ains, E. A.  
Francis of the Weber School and County Superintendent of Weber,  
County; John W., our subject, and Mrs. Charles Gillette, living at Helper.

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in the schools of that place and at the University of Deseret in Salt  
Lake City. After completing his studies in Spanish Fork, five years  
in Helper and at West Jordan, and in 1907 entered the medical department  
of the University of California, at San Francisco, from which he  
then he graduated three years later, with the degree of M.D., and of  
course returned to Utah, entering upon a general practice at Helper.  
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and then went to Helper and remained there for eight years, being en-  
gaged by the county and holding the position of physician for the  
Spanish Eastern Railroad at Helper. While in Helper the doctor built up  
a very lucrative and successful practice, but, believing that a better  
field was offered in Reno, he came to this city in November, 1908,  
and at once began practicing with the others, among whom he has a  
rapidly increasing practice, still holding his position as surgeon  
for the Spanish Eastern Railroad at Helper, and also at Reno. He  
devotes his entire time to these and looking after his practice, and  
is winning an enviable reputation as both physician and surgeon. He  
is a member of the Nevada Medical Association, and was elected in  
1909 the member from 1909 to the committee which met at Reno  
which the association all over the United States and being in that  
position relations throughout the country. He is also a charter member  
of the Utah State Medical Association, of which he was president during  
1909-1910 a charter member of the Nevada Medical Association, and  
a member of the Utah Medical Society. He is well  
and acquainted with the medical system of both the United States  
of America, the new medical ideas and other improvements.

and in fraternal circles is popular among the members. The Doctor has also contributed some valuable papers to the medical magazines on the use of anti-toxine, diphtheria, and other subjects of interest to the medical world.

Doctor Aird was married in 1895, in San Francisco, to Miss Emily D. McCauslan, a native of California. They have an interesting family, consisting of two sons and one daughter--William M., Flora B. and John L.

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Doctor Alford was married in 1902, in San Francisco, to Miss Emily L. Coleman, a native of California. They have an interesting family, consisting of two sons and one daughter--William M., Elmer B. and John L.

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